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SUBJ: SHIPPING: DELTA/FLOMERCA PROBLEM AND ARMAGUA WAIVER
DIFFICULTIES

REF: STATE 101484

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MINECON PALOMO MAY 2 DISCUSS LATEST PHASE SHIPPING PROBLEM AND AGAIN SEEK HIS INVOLVEMENT. PALOMO IN EFFECT ADMITTED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY STAYED ON MARGIN OF PROBLEM GIVEN FLOMERCA'S AUTONOMOUS STATUS. RECOGNIZING POTENTIALLY SERIOUS CONFLICT AHEAD IF DELTA HAS TO SEEK SECTION 19 COUNTERVAILING MEASURES, PALOMO PERMITTED EMBOFF TO REVIEW ENTIRE HISTORY OF ISSUE AND DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS. DURING COURSE THIS REVIEW HE REPEATEDLY RAISED QUESTIONS THAT POINTED TO HIS CONCERN ABOUT MAINTAINING SOLVENCY FLOMERCA. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION PALOMO PROMISED EMBOFF HE WOULD TAKE "PERSONAL INTEREST" IN ISSUE AND, BY INFERENCE, SEEK TO BRING THE GOG TO FOCUS ON PROBLEM. HE ALSO PROMISED TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF ARMAGUA WAIVER DIFFICULTY.

2. COMMENT: PALOMO'S AWAKENING IS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT AND HIS COMMITMENT A VERY POSITIVE STEP. WE MUST RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS GOING TO HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME BRINGING
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ABOUT A GOG FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM GIVEN THE DIFFUSION OF

RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE GOG AND THE EVIDENT RELUCTANCE ON
THE PART OF ALMOST EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED.

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